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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It is highly fitting that the Illinois General  
3 Assembly pays honor and respect to individuals who have given  
4 their lives in the line of duty; and

5 WHEREAS, Enoch Hopkins was born on March 22, 1824 in  
6 Jefferson, Maine; he began his long career as a law enforcer  
7 shortly after coming to Morris in the summer of 1854; and

8 WHEREAS, Marshal Hopkins' honorable service was tragically  
9 cut short when he was killed in the line of duty on September  
10 14, 1878; and

11 WHEREAS, On the night of September 14, notorious roughs  
12 Frank Foster and Charles Miller came to town; the pair shortly  
13 became intoxicated; and

14 WHEREAS, Marshal Hopkins advised the men several times over  
15 the course of the evening to go home as they became disorderly;  
16 Foster and Miller ignored the multitude of warnings they  
17 received and persisted their drinking until late into the  
18 evening; and

19 WHEREAS, Around midnight, Marshal Hopkins found it  
20 necessary to arrest the 2 drunk men and caught them in a

1 downtown alleyway; as the Marshal was leading them out of the  
2 alley, the men fled on foot; and

3 WHEREAS, Marshal Hopkins pursued the men when Miller  
4 suddenly drew his revolver and fired twice at the officer;  
5 Marshal Hopkins was hit by one of the shots and died almost  
6 instantly; and

7 WHEREAS, The funeral for Marshal Hopkins was the largest  
8 seen in Morris at the time; he was an honored member of the  
9 Masonic Order, a great, noble man, and a respected citizen of  
10 the community; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
12 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
13 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the portion of  
14 Illinois Route 47 over Interstate 80 from Romines Drive to  
15 Illinois Route 6 East as the Marshal Enoch T. Hopkins Memorial  
16 Road; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation  
18 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with  
19 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs  
20 giving notice of the name of the Marshal Enoch T. Hopkins  
21 Memorial Road; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
2 presented to the family of Marshal Enoch T. Hopkins, the  
3 Secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation, the  
4 Morris Police Department, and the Mayor of the City of Morris.